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In early December 1951, Director Kirsten (fna) of the Halle VVB-EKM (VVB-Energie  
und Kraftmaschinen - VVB for Electricity Generating Machinery) at 149 Merseburger-  
strasse, in Halle (M 52/D 92) was in Moscow to attempt to obtain high-pressure  
boiler drums, high-pressure steam collectors and alloy pipes for high-pressure  
steam plants, from the U.S.S.R. \*

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\* ☐ Comment. The VVB-EKM was formerly located at 2 Barbarastrasse in Halle on  
the Saale River. Under the Five-Year Plan, the output of electric energy in the  
Soviet Zone of Germany is to be increased to 33.4 billion Kwh by 1955. The output  
of electric energy in 1950 was about 18 billion Kwh. To achieve this enormous  
increase in output, the capacities of existing power plants must be increased and  
several power plants previously dismantled must be rebuilt. The VVB-EKM is to  
build or procure the required machinery for this program. The high pressure steam  
equipment which Director Kirsten was attempting to obtain from the U.S.S.R. is  
apparently required for the electrification program in Germany.

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